Sl. No.	States/UTs	No. of persons
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	5,940
28.	Daman and Diu	6,327
29.	Delhi	439,520
30.	Lakshadweep	2,639
31.	Pondicherry	58,440
	INDIA	**58,681,640**

Welfare schemes for socially weaker sections in Rajasthan

114. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes and programmes formulated by Government for upliftment of SCs, STs, OBCs, Adivasis, other minorities and other weaker sections in Rajasthan during the last five years;

(b) the details of funds allocated and the amount of funds spent for implementation of these schemes during this period; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment implements different welfare schemes for SCs, OBCs, minorities and other weaker sections and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is concerned with the welfare schemes for Scheduled Tribes. These schemes are implemented throughout the country and not for a particular State alone. Also, no allocation is made State wise under these schemes. Amount of assistance released under different welfare schemes in the State of Rajasthan in the last five years is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). Funds are released under these schemes depending upon the demands of various States and the Budget availability. Also, funds are released only after utilization certificates are received from State Governments and Voluntary Organizations in respect of releases made earlier for which these are due.

Statement

Release of funds to various schemes for socially weaker sections in the State of Rajasthan during the last five years

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Releases				
		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
	Scheduled Castes Development					
1.	Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan for SCs	2279.81	2575.48	2792.68	3738.96	3005.41
2.	Post Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes	45.15	222.80	308.28	411.36	470.13
3.	Pre Matric Scholarships to the children of those engaged in unclean occupation	0.00	0.00	0.00	107.51	59.69
4.	Book Banks for Scheduled Castes students	15.00	42.00	0.00	0.00	9.40
5.	Construction of Hostels for Scheduled Castes boys	129.66	243.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.	Construction of Hostels for Scheduled Castes girls	0.00	84.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Coaching and Allied Scheme for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes	17.76	43.18	0.00	43.10	0.00
8.	National Scheme for Liberation & Rehabilitation of scavengers	273.00	0.00	1661.79	0.00	0.00
9.	Scheduled Castes Development Corporation	82.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	118.74
10.	Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1995 and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Prevention of Atrocities).Act, 1989	16.00	50.00	50.00	150.00	317.38
11.	Upgradation of Merit for SC/ST students	8.32	16.99	15.51	0.00	8.24
12.	Assistance to VOs for Scheduled Castes	17.72	41.43	66.05	95.19	126.53

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Releases				
		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
	Other Backward Classes					
13.	Pre Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes	Schemes imple-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14.	Post Matric Scholarships including Higher Scholarship for Ph.D. and higher level for Other Backward Classes	mented from 1998-99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15.	Construction of Hostel for Other Backward Class boys and girls		0.00	57.48	0.00	0.00
16.	Assistance to VOs for Other Backward Classes		0.00	0.00	0.00	10.66
17.	Pre-Examination Coaching for OBCs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38
	Minorities					
18.	Pre Examination Coaching for Weaker Sections based on economic criteria	7.63	4.06	5.25	2.45	4.43
	Scheduled Tribes Development					
1.	Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan	2341.13	3475.72	2915.24	2915.24	3649.56
2.	Grant Under Article 275(1) of the Constitution	600.00	700.00	800.29	1700.00	2550.00
3.	Girls Hostels	150.00	70.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.	Boys Hostels	159.60	192.10	319.20	0.00	0.00
5.	Educational Complex	33.44	42.43	17.51	19.80	30.58
6.	Vocational Training Centre (Govt.)	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Research & Training (Tribal) Research Institutes	13.37	0.00	1.70	11.03	4.53
8.	Grant in aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations	50.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	251.61
9.	Grant Bank	1.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10.	Development of Primitive Tribal Groups	0.00	33.50	0.00	0.00	0.00

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
11.	State Tribal Development Finance Corporations	0.00	0.00	0.00	4646.07	0.00
12.	Post Matric Scholarships	0.00	0.00	0.00	111.00	0.00
13.	Grant to NGOs	16.17	19.09	24.49	30.21	28.23
14.	Book Bank	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00
15.	Upgradation of Merit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.05

Senior Citizens in Andhra Pradesh

115. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of senior citizens in Andhra Pradesh as per the latest Census; and

(b) the facilities which are being extended to them by the Central and State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) According to Central Statistical Organization, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, as indicated in the document named 'Elderly in India-Profile and Programmes 2000', there are 45,10,929 persons aged 60 plus in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing following two schemes (i) Integrated Programme for the Older Persons and (ii) Construction of Old Age Homes. Under these schemes, the Ministry provides Grant-in-aid/financial assistance to Non-Governmental Organizations for (i) establishment and maintenance of Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres, Mobile Medicare Units, Non Institutional Service Centres and (ii) construction of Old Age Homes and Multi service centres respectively.

Additionally, 10 Kg. of food grains is distributed to each destitute elderly every month under "Annapurna Scheme" of the Ministry of Rural Development, separate queue system for the elderly is operational in hospitals, elder citizens are given priority in telephone connection and